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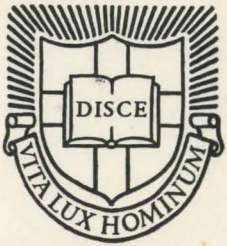

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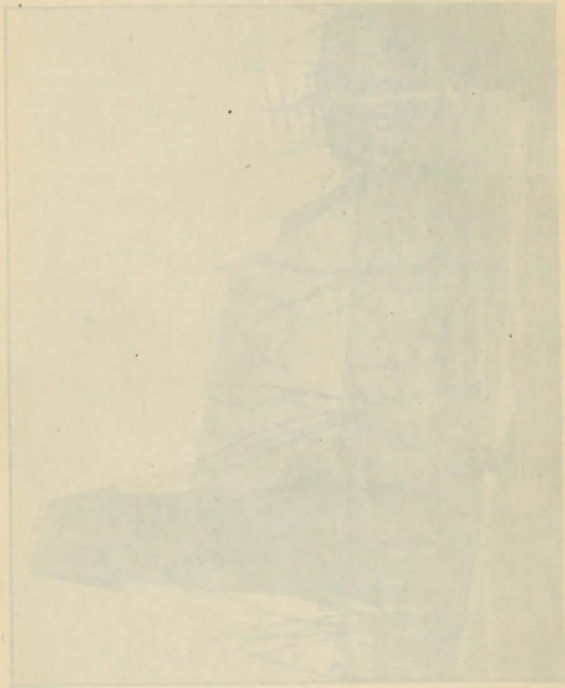

CHRIST CHURCH

CORNING, N. Y.

COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PARISH
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CHRIST CHURCH.

CHRIST CHURCH, in the village of Corning, town of Painted Post, New York, was incorporated on the 12th day of April, 1841. The instrument of incorporation being as follows :

To All Whom these Presents may Concern :

We, whose names and seals are affixed to this instrument, do hereby certify, that on the twelfth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, the male persons of full age worshipping in the school house of School District number fourteen, in the village of Corning, in the town of Painted Post, county of Steuben, and State of New York, in which congregation divine service

is celebrated according to the rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, and which is not already incorporated, met at their place of worship aforesaid for the purpose of incorporating themselves as a religious society under the Acts of the Legislature of the State of New York, and in pursuance of notice duly given to said congregation in the time of morning service during two Sundays previous to such meeting, that the male persons of full age belonging to said congregation would meet at the time and place aforesaid for the purpose of incorporating themselves, and of electing two Churchwardens and eight Vestrymen. And we further certify, that the Reverend Richard Smith, being Rector of said Church, presided at said meeting; and we further certify that at said meeting, Jonathan Fellows and John Miller were duly elected Churchwardens of the said congregation; and Hiram W. Bostwick, Lauren Mallory, Thomas A. Johnson, Philander J. Mallory, Nelson L. Somers, Jonah Davis, William J. Arnold and Seeley Brownell, were duly elected Vestrymen. That Tuesday in Easter week was, by the said meeting, fixed as the day on which the said offices of Churchwardens and Vestrymen should annually thereafter cease, and their successors in office be chosen. And that the said meeting determined and declared that the said Church and congregation should be known in the law by the name of the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen

of Christ Church, of Corning, in the town of Painted Post, county of Steuben, and State of New York.

In Testimony Whereof, we, the said Richard Smith who presided at the said election of Wardens and Vestrymen, and William J. Arnold and Nelson L. Somers who were present and witnessed the proceedings aforesaid, have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seals this 12th day of April, 1841.

RICHARD SMITH, {SEAL.}

N. L. SOMERS, {SEAL.}

W. J. ARNOLD. {SEAL.}

Signed and sealed in the presence of

THOMAS A. JOHNSON,

P. J. MALLORY.

Duly certified to before Z. A. Leland, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of Steuben County, on the 9th day of June, 1841, and recorded in the office of the Steuben County Clerk, at 4 o'clock, P.M., June 9th, 1841.

WILLIAM HAMILTON, *Clerk.*

The book of records of the parish, from its organization to Easter, 1850, was destroyed at the time of the great fire in Corning, in May, 1850.

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For some years prior to 1850, the congregation owned and held their services in a chapel, situate on the southwest corner of Market and Chestnut Streets, where the services were continued until the sale of the property in 1853. During this time the following held the rectorship : Rev. Messrs. Nicholson, Field, Eaton, Skinner and Lightbourne.

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At the vestry meeting of December 30th, 1852, the Rev. N. Barrows, of Le Roy, was invited to and became the pastor and missionary of the Church for one year, commencing December 25th, 1852, at a salary of $450.00, of which the vestry paid $325.00, the missionary stipend received from the bishop being $125.00. At the said meeting, N. L. Somers, S. F. Denton, and D. D. Comstock, were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a new church. At the meeting of March 10th, 1853, the committee reported that the subscription at that time amounted to the sum of $2,690.00. In April, 1853, the north halves of lots 7 and 8, in block 78, on the southwest corner of Erie Avenue and Walnut Street, were purchased by the vestry for $200.00, and in June, 1853, the building of the new church edifice was begun.

On December 30th, 1853, the Rev. N. Barrows was invited to and became rector of the parish at a salary of $600.00.

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At the meeting of September 19th, 1854, the vestry adopted a corporate seal having the words, "CHRIST CHURCH, CORNING, W. N. Y.," upon it in a circle, and the word "SEAL" in the center.

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The new church edifice is built of the Corning stone, which is a pleasant greyish color not unlike the Kentish rag, so largely used for churches in England. It is in the early English style, and consists of nave, chancel, south porch, and southern sacristy. From the nature of the site, orientation could not be observed, and the chancel is in the western end. The interior dimensions are as follows: nave, 72 x 37½ feet; chancel, 24 x 18 feet; sacristy, 12 x 10 feet; porch, 8 x 5 feet. The height from the floor of the nave to the ridge pole is 52 feet. There are three aisles: one through the center, 5 feet wide; and one on each side, 3 feet wide. The nave is connected with the chancel by a handsome archway, finely moulded. The pews are mainly of butternut, and furnish seating capacity for about 400 persons. The chancel is lighted by a fine colored triplet. The central compartment of the chancel window contains a figure of our Blessed

Saviour and other illustrations of our faith, as do also the side compartments. The church was designed and built by Henry Dudley, of New York, an architect of high and well-deserved reputation. The cost of the church thus far, including the lot (which was $200 00), was about $9,000.00.

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The church was consecrated by the Right Rev. William H. De Lancey, bishop of the diocese, on the 21st day of September, 1854. The bishop was assisted in the consecration services by the following clergymen, wardens, and vestrymen: Rev. N. Barrows, rector of the parish; Rev. Chas. W. Hayes, of Hamilton; Rev. O. R. Howard, of Dansville; Rev. A. Gregory, of Bath; Rev. A. A. Marple, of Wellsboro; Rev. A. B. Beach, of Binghamton; Rev. A. Hull, of Elmira; Rev. T. P. Tyler, of Batavia.

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The Rev. R. N. Park, of Addison, and the Rev. James A. Robinson, of Hornellsville, were also present. Wardens: Nelson L. Somers, Seymour F. Denton. Vestrymen: Thos. A. Johnson, Lauren Mallory, Horace Turner, Joshua B. Graves, Butler A. Wolcott, D. D. Comstock, James Somers, William Irvine.

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The old church building on the southwest corner of Market and Chestnut Streets having been sold during the

building of the new church, the congregation, through the kindness of Col. H. W. Bostwick, were given the use of Concert Hall, in which services were held until the new church was completed.

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On October 20th, 1855, Rev. N. Barrows resigned the rectorship on account of ill health. The Rev. Edward Z. Lewis, of Binghamton, N. Y., succeeded Mr. Barrows, taking charge from October 22d, 1855, at a salary of $600.00 per annum and a rectory.

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In July, 1856, Sunday services at Painted Post, which had been part of the rector's charge, were discontinued. In November, 1859, arrangements were made whereby the rector should hold services at the village of Big Flats as often as once in two weeks, for which Dr. Woodward and others, of Big Flats, were to pay $100.00 per annum.

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On the 1st of May, 1860, the Rev. Mr. Lewis resigned the rectorship of the parish, and was succeeded by the Rev. L. D. Ferguson, of Fulton, Oswego County, N. Y., in April, 1861, at a salary of $600.00 per annum, together with the annual Thanksgiving donation—the vestry to have the benefit of any aid received from the missionary fund of the

diocese, and Mr. Ferguson to give a portion of his time and services to the missionary station at Big Flats.

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On the 24th of August, 1865, Mr. Ferguson resigned the rectorship of the parish. He was succeeded by the Rev. Lucius Sweetland, in November, 1865. On September 18th, 1865, the wardens and vestrymen voted to discontinue the missionary stipend, which for many years they had received. Mr. Sweetland resigned about December, 1866. He was succeeded in January, 1867, by the Rev. W. W. Montgomery.

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By deed of March 30th, 1867, Mr. Joseph Fellows, of Corning, donated lot number 8, block 75, and by deed of July 17th, 1867, Mr. Thomas W. Olcott, of Albany, donated the adjoining lot number 7, block 75, to the rector, wardens and vestrymen, on which they built a rectory at a cost of about $3,000.00.

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On June 8th, 1867, Mr. Seymour F. Denton, whose name and christian character have been so long and closely interwoven with the growth and prosperity of the parish, died in Elmira. The Rev. C. T. Kellogg, of Elmira, delivered in Elmira, and kindly repeated in Christ Church, Corning, an appropriate sermon commemorative thereof.

On December 14th, 1868, Mr. Montgomery resigned the rectorship of the parish. From the parish records, he appears to have held over for some time, being present and presiding at the Easter meeting in 1869. He was succeeded by the Rev. Joseph Hunter, September 1st, 1869.

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A plan for tower to be added to the church edifice was made by Mr. Henry Dudley, architect of the church, and submitted to and adopted by the wardens and vestry, June 18th, 1871. And on August 9th, 1871, the building committee—N. L. Somers, Geo. Hitchcock, William Walker and G. W. Patterson—made a contract with the Warsaw Manufacturing Company to build the tower at a cost of $5,500.00. The tower was completed in 1873, and cost, with extras and architect's commission, nearly $6,000.00. A fine bell, made by Meneeley Brothers, of Troy, N. Y., and costing $1,000.00, was hung in the new tower in 1873.

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Mr. Hunter tendered his resignation to take effect not later than October 1st, 1872. At a meeting on May 30th, 1872, it was resolved to extend a call to the Rev. E. S. Wilson, of Brockport, N. Y., at a salary of $1,200.00 and rectory, which call was duly accepted by Mr. Wilson, to take effect October 1st, 1872.

On December 5th, 1872, the Hon. Thomas A. Johnson, vestryman from the incorporation of the Church in 1841 until 1860, and thereafter senior warden, died at his residence, Corning, N. Y.

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On November 5th, 1877, the Rev. Mr. Wilson resigned the rectorship of the parish, and was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel R. Fuller, March 25th, 1878. His salary was $1,300.00 and the rectory, which was advanced to $1,500.00 from and after March 1st, 1879, and to $2,000.00 from and after December 1st, 1881. Mr. Fuller resigned the rectorship April 27th, 1883. He was succeeded by the Rev. R. R. Converse, of Waterbury, Conn., September 23d, 1883, at a salary of $2,000.00 and rectory.

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On March 17th, 1886, Mr. David Curtis, vestryman from 1860 to 1873, and thereafter junior warden, died at the residence of his son, in Rochester, N. Y.

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On September 2d, 1886, Mr. N. L. Somers, vestryman from 1841 to about 1845, and warden thereafter, died at his residence in Corning, N. Y.

Mr. Converse resigned the rectorship February 1st, 1888, and was succeeded by the Rev. Walter C. Roberts, of Ansonia, Conn., April 3d, 1888, his salary being $2,000 00 a year and use of rectory.

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Early in March, 1889, six new windows were placed in the church, given as follows :

By Gen. Austin Lathrop, in memory of his brothers;

By the Sunday School, in memory of Mr. Denton;

By Mr. H. P. Sinclaire, Sr.;

By the Parish Aid Society, three—one being in memory of Mr. N. L. Somers.

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March 30th, 1889, the American Hotel, situate on the southwest corner of Erie Avenue and Chestnut Street, was destroyed by fire. A brand therefrom lodged on the shingle roof of the north side of the church, setting it on fire. Before the fire could be controlled, the roof of the nave was burned off, the organ and some of the memorial windows were destroyed, and other damage done to the amount of over $6,500.00, all of which was fully covered by insurance. Services were held on the next day after the fire, Sunday, as usual, in the hall in the Williams block, which had been immediately furnished with altar, etc., saved from the fire.

Erastus Corning and Joseph Fellows, as trustees, having conveyed to the village of Corning block 66, to be used as sites for the erection of County Court House and Jail, for academies and union school houses, for churches or places of public worship, and for a public park, Messrs. A. Houghton, Jr., Q. W. Wellington, and R. H. Canfield, of the vestry, were appointed a committee by the rector, wardens and vestry, to wait upon the President and Board of Trustees of the village, and notify them that they had selected as a site for their new church, the northeast corner of said block, namely, 150 feet on First Street, and running 165 feet south, and request the consent of the board to their action. The said committee reported consent by the said board, as follows:

"That at the meeting of said Board, May 6th, 1889, it was "*Resolved* that this Board hereby approves of the "selection of such site, and consents that said "society erect and maintain their church edifice there- "on. Which was adopted by the unanimous vote of "the Board."

At a subsequent meeting of said Board of Village Trustees, the resolution of consent was rescinded by seven of the eight members who had previously voted therefor. At the vestry meeting of September 10th, 1889, it was resolved to put the old church building in as good repair as before the fire, for temporary occupancy. These repairs were completed for Easter of the following year, services up to that time having been held in Williams Hall.

On May 5th, 1892, lot No. 16, and the east half of lot No. 15 in block 59, on the northwest corner of First and Cedar Streets, were purchased by the rector, wardens and vestry, for site for a new church. The consideration was $2,800.00, subject to a mortgage of $5,000.00 and interest thereon. The deeds are as follows: Referee's deed, by Geo. W. Edminster, referee, May 5th, 1892; quit claim deed, by Andrew J. Robertson and Martha A. Robertson, his wife, May 14th, 1892.

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At the vestry meeting of March 25th, 1893, it was resolved to raise for the Easter offering the amount of $5,000.00, to pay the mortgage on the lot purchased May 5th, 1892. The Easter offering of April 2d, 1893, solicited for payment of mortgage on church lots, amounted to $5,392.26. After the offering was taken, the rector, Mr. Roberts, made an appeal to the congregation then present to give $30.000.00 for the new church edifice, which appeal was very successful, $30,015.00 being subscribed.

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April 11th, 1893, the Rev. W. C. Roberts, Messrs. R. H. Canfield and J. B. Maltby, of the vestry, were appointed the building committee, and at the meeting of August 1st, 1893, it was resolved to build the church in accordance with the plans and specifications of the architect, Mr. R. W.

Gibson, of New York. The contract for the building of the church, exclusive of furnishing, lighting, heating, and the windows, was let to Thomas Bradley, of Corning, N. Y., for $38,513.60, and ground was broken to commence building, August 28th, 1893.

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The church is to be built of Antrim stone, which is a light grey in color, laid with natural rough surface. It will be set back about 20 feet from First Street, with a long porch or narthex across the entire front. At the southeast is a large square tower forming a porch with entrance from Cedar Street. The top is to be finished with battlements, parapets, and pyramidal roof. The church will have two floors ; the lower a half basement containing a Sunday-school room about fifty feet square, rooms for the societies of the parish, dining room, kitchen, and toilet rooms, besides ample provision for heating and ventilating. This lower floor will have three entrances ; one from the tower, one on First Street, west corner, and one near the rear of the church on Cedar Street. The front central entrance on First Street will have broad stone steps leading directly to the church level. The plan of the church is in the form of a Latin cross. The following are the dimensions, with seating capacity :

Extreme length of interior, ...	120 feet.
Width across transepts, ...	75 "
Width of nave, nearly	40 "

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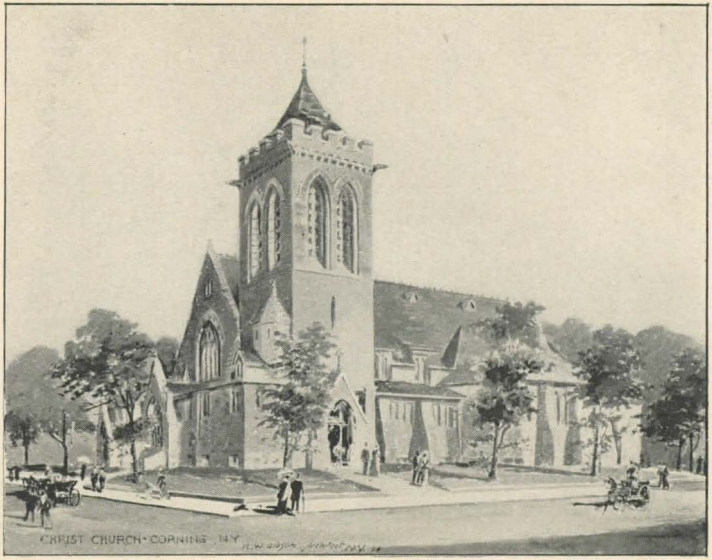

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The nave contains	582 seats.
The west transept, ...	52 "
The east transept, ...	72 "
The chancel, choir and clergy, . . .	36 "
Total	742 "

The pillars will be large, with ornamental capitals and arches supporting the clere-story, which will contain handsome stained glass windows.

The east transept will be so arranged that it can be shut off from the church by a rolling partition, and will be used when convenient as a chapel for daily services. Entrance to chapel will be on Cedar Street side. The interior walls will be plastered, and the roof of massive open timber work.

The chancel will be very deep, and will contain three large memorial windows of stained glass. The organ chamber will be on the left of the chancel, and the vestry room to the right and rear.

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During the five years that Mr. Roberts has been rector of this parish, he has discharged the duties of that office with faithfulness and ability. To his unflagging energy may be attributed the continued growth of the parish in stability and

strength during his rectorship. Since the fire in 1889, he has constantly urged upon the parish the necessity for a larger church for the accommodation of the increasing congregation, and the fact that the present church was unpleasantly located on account of its nearness to the railroad; his courageous efforts and unprecedented success are gratefully acknowledged by his people.

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During the year ending Easter, 1893, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, did not visit the parish, his last visit previous to Easter, 1892, having been made March 4th, 1892, when he confirmed eighteen persons, and preached the opening sermon of the Lenten season ; and he again visited the parish September 24th, 1893. To the general regret, he is unable, on account of feeble health, to be present on this occasion ; and has commissioned the Rev. Dr. R. R. Converse, of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., formerly rector of the parish, to officiate in his place at the laying of this corner-stone.

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Ten-minute noon services for men were held in the church during Holy Week, and were exceedingly well attended.

The receipts and expenses for the year ending Easter, 1893, were as follows :

Receipts from rental of pews, . . .	$2,855.64
Disbursements, not including music, .	2,704.13
Private subscriptions for music, about .	600.00
Disbursements the same.	

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The present trustees and officers of the parish, with their terms of service, are as follows :

The Rev. Walter C. Roberts, rector, . .	5 years.
John Hoare, senior warden and vestryman,	20 "
William Walker, junior warden and vestryman,	33 "
Austin Lathrop, vestryman, . . .	26 "
Amory Houghton, Jr., vestryman, . .	17 "
Jerome B. Maltby, vestryman, . . .	15 "
Emil A. Kriger, vestryman, ...	10 "
Quincy W. Wellington, vestryman, .	7 "
Robert H. Canfield, vestryman, . . .	6 "
Charles F. Houghton, vestryman, . .	6 "
Thomas G. Hawkes, vestryman, . . .	1 "
George E. Eaton, treasurer, . . .	8 "
William Walker, clerk, ...	30 "

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The following is a roll of former wardens and vestrymen in their order :

WARDENS.

1850 Nelson L. Somers, senior warden.
Seymour F. Denton, junior warden.

VESTRYMEN.

1850 Thomas A. Johnson,
Butler S. Wolcott,
Lauren Mallory,
William F. Dodge,
Daniel D. Comstock,
James Somers,
David B. Compston,
Isaac M. Lyon,
1851 Joshua B. Graves,
1852 David Curtis,
Marvin M. Clark,
1853 William Irvine,
Horace Turner,
1855 F. H. Ruggles,
1856 William M. Mallory,
1857 Z. Lewis Webb,
Anthony M. Gibson,
1859 Andrew Beers,
1860 Charles C. B. Walker,
Zerah Todd,
1862 George W. Patterson, Jr.,
Charles Packer,
1864 John Maynard,
Alexander Olcott,
B. C. Wilson,
1866 Charles R. Maltby,
Ellsworth D. Mills,
George Hitchcock,
George W. Fuller,
1869 Henry A. Balcam,
1870 A. J. Owen,
R. J. Burnham,
1876 William H. Chaphe,
1879 Samuel B. Wellington,
Erastus C. Maltby,
1880 Joseph J. Tully,
1886 M. S. Squires.

Of whom E. D. Mills, George Hitchcock, George W. Fuller, J. J. Tully and W. H. Chaphe, still reside in Corning.

Horace Turner, George W. Patterson, Jr., C. R. Maltby, A. J. Owen, S. B. Wellington, E. C. Maltby and M. S. Squires, have moved to other parishes ; the others named in the roll are deceased.

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Messrs. A. Houghton, Jr., Q. W. Wellington and J. B. Maltby, for the past seven years have been the committee on music.

Mrs. A. Houghton, Jr., has kindly volunteered her services as organist for nearly twelve years past.

The choir is a quartette, and at present time is composed as follows :

Mrs. Charles H. Wickham, of Hornellsville,	Soprano.
Miss Lemon, of Waverly,	Contralto.
Mr. George Noke, of Corning,	Tenor.
Mr. R. H. Curtis, of Corning,	Bass.

The terms and salaries being as follows :

Mrs. Wickham, six years,	Salary,	$200.00
Miss Lemon, six months,	"	100.00
Mr. Noke, seven years,	"	125.00
Mr. Curtis, seven years,	"	125.00

The societies of the parish are :

The Parish Aid Society;
The Chancel Guild;
The Woman's Auxiliary to Board of Missions;
The St. Andrew's Brotherhood;
The Girls' Friendly Society;
The Children's Church Fund Society.

The parish rooms for their meetings and for parish teas are at the residence of Mrs. N. L. Somers, 118 Walnut Street.

Of the $2,800.00 paid for the lot for new church, the Parish Aid Society contributed $1,500 00 ; the Chancel Guild, $300.00, and the Children's Church Fund Society, $100.00.

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The number of families in the parish is 215; the number of communicants, 287.

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The report of the Sunday-school, for November 12th, 1893, the twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity, is:

Attendance,	255
Offering,	$7.05
Teachers,	32
Total names, infant class	92
Superintendent,	The Rector.
Assistant Superintendent,	Miss Wellington.

Corning was incorporated as a city in 1890, and is known as the "Crystal City." Dr. W. E. Gorton was elected first mayor thereof; his term of office expired in 1892. He was succeeded by the present mayor, Benjamin W. Wellington, who in his official capacity has contributed the only coin—a silver souvenir Columbian half dollar—that will be put in the corner-stone.

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The contributions to the corner-stone of the new Christ Church laid this day by the Rev. Dr. R. R. Converse, of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., which were placed in a copper box within a copper box, 6x6x12 inches, with a space on all sides between the boxes of about three-eighths of an inch, constructed under the directions of Mr. R. H. Canfield, were as follows :

REPRESENTING THE OLD CHURCH.

Letter of congratulation November 16th, 1893, from the Rev. N. Barrows, of Short Hills, N. J., who was the rector when the old church was built;

Corning and Blossburg *Advocate* of August 14th, 1840;

Corning *Journal* of May 29th, 1850;

Gospel Messenger of June 2d, 1853;

Steuben *Courier* of July 13th, 1853.

These were taken from the corner-stone of the old church.

FROM MEMBERS OF THE PARISH.

Bible, by Mrs. William Walker.

Prayer-book, by Mrs. Q. W. Wellington.

Hymnal, by Mrs. A. Houghton, Jr.

Photo of church after the fire, by Mrs. Wm. Nicholson.

Three photos of church—without tower, with tower, and interior—by Mr. John V. Cooper.

Corning *Journal* of April 4th, 1893, containing list of subscriptions to the new church.

Journal of the Twenty-fourth Annual Council of the Diocese of W. N. Y.

Map of the World's Fair grounds.

Copy of *Churchman*, current date, by Rev. W. C. Roberts.

Review of Reviews, November, 1893, by Miss Anne L. Walker.

History of Christ Church, from incorporation to date.

Corning *Journal*, Corning *Democrat*, and New York *Tribune*, of November 15th, 1893.

Elmira *Advertiser* of November 16th, 1893.

Constitution of the United States.

Constitution of the State of New York.

Silk United States flag, by Mr. William Walker.

Report of the Chancel Guild, by Miss Eliza Beers, secretary.

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary to Board of Missions, by Miss Helen B. Walker, secretary.

Report of the Girls' Friendly Society, by Miss Sarah E. Eaton, secretary.

Report of the Children's Church Fund Society, by Miss Minnie Hoare, secretary.

Copy of *Church Work*, Oct. 28th, 1893, by Mrs. A. Beers.

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AS REPRESENTING THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

Silver souvenir Columbian half dollar, by Benj. W. Wellington, mayor.

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AS REPRESENTING SOME OF THE LEADING INDUSTRIES, BUSINESS INTERESTS, AND PRESS OF THE CITY.

Fine cut-glass book, with names of the church, rector, wardens and vestrymen engraved thereon, by Capt. John Hoare, of the J. Hoare & Co. Cut Glass Works.

Engraved ruby fresnal, with names of officers engraved thereon, by A. Houghton, Jr., president of the Corning Glass Works.

Historical statement of the Fall Brook Railroad Company, by Gen. Geo. J. Magee, president.

Heads of wheat from the Southern Tier Mills, by Hon. Stephen T. Hayt.

Cedar box to contain the wheat, by Edwin S. Walker, of M. D. Walker & Co.

Cast of gold medal, certificate of grand prize at the Paris Exposition of 1889, and piece of engraved cut-glass, by T. G. Hawkes, of the T. G. Hawkes & Co.'s Cut Glass Works.

Iron flask, pin, and printed leaflet giving seal and list of first officers of the city government, by ex-Mayor Dr. W. E. Gorton, of Corning Iron Works.

One dollar State bank bill of the Q. W. Wellington & Co.'s Bank, dated September 1st, 1862, by Q. W. Wellington, president of the Q. W. Wellington & Co.'s Bank.

Charter of the city of Corning, Corning *Daily Journal*, November 16th, 1893, by Geo. W. Pratt, of the Corning *Journal*.

Corning *Daily Democrat*, November 16th, 1893, by F. B. Brown, of the Corning *Democrat*.

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This history of Christ Church was compiled from the records of the parish and other sources, by William Walker, clerk of the vestry. The copy thereof which was placed in the corner-stone, was made by Mr. William Nicholson,

auditor of the Fall Brook Railway Company. It was read by the Rev. Dr. R. R. Converse, at the corner-stone services, held in the old church, at 3 o'clock, P.M., November 16th, 1893.

WILLIAM WALKER, *Clerk of the Vestry.*

Corning, N. Y., Nov. 16th, 1893.

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ADDENDA.

The corner-stone of the new Christ Church, a handsome Antrim block weighing 1800 pounds, having the outer side polished, on which was cut a handsome patonce cross and the words "CHRIST CHURCH, A.D. 1893," was laid by the Rev. Dr. R. R. Converse, November 16th, 1893.

The ceremony was begun with the regular evening service in the old church, in which the rector was assisted by the following clergymen, wardens and vestrymen: Rev. Dr. R. R. Converse, of Geneva, N. Y.; Rev. Samuel R. Fuller, of Malden, Mass.; Rev. A. W. Snyder, of Wellsboro, Pa.; Rev. C. W. F. Wrigley, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. C. A. Ricksicker, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. B. S. Sanderson, of Bath, N. Y.; Rev. E. S. Hoffman, of Hornellsville, N. Y.; Rev. Francis Gilliott, of Canaseraga, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. Darnell, of Avon, N. Y.; Rev. G. W. McKnight, of Elmira, N. Y. Wardens: John Hoare, William Walker. Vestrymen: Amory Houghton, Jr., Quincy W. Wellington, Charles F. Houghton, Jerome B. Maltby, Robert H. Canfield, Emil A. Kriger, Thomas G. Hawkes.

At the close of the evening prayer the Rev. Dr. Converse read the history of the church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. S. R. Fuller. The usual fine class of music was rendered by the choir of the Church, under the direction of Mrs. A. Houghton, Jr. The congregation—for which the church had not sufficient seating capacity—then marched to the scene of the laying of the corner-stone, which ceremony was gone through in a most impressive manner, and the block hoisted to its future resting-place.

At one o'clock a bountiful luncheon was served to the visiting clergymen, the rector, wardens and vestry, and other guests, at the parish rooms, by the ladies of the Parish Aid Society.

WILLIAM WALKER, *Clerk of the Vestry.*

Corning, N. Y., Nov. 17th, 1893.

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